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NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA. Is centrally situated in the triangular area bounded by lines drawn from Omaha to Cheyenne, thence to Denver, from thence to starting point. It is 121 miles from the first named city, 225 miles from the second, and 230 miles from the third. Having a population of 4,000 people it is the headquarters of both freight and passenger divisions of the U. S. R. Y. Co., and is the home of about 500 railway employes whose monthly pay roll amounts to some \$25,000. Almost 200 miles of irrigation canals are rapidly nearing completion, which will bring into the highest state of cultivation 150,000 acres of the most productive land upon which the sun's rays shine. The citizenship of North Platte is that of the best afforded by the older states, and her people are active, progressive and prosperous. To the industrious, energetic home-seeker from the crowded east North Platte and Lincoln county presents unusual advantages. Thousands of acres of vacant government land in close proximity to those already being brought under irrigation, may be obtained by consulting the United States Land office in North Platte. A letter of inquiry to "U. S. Register, North Platte, Neb.," relative to the above will be courteously answered. Irrigated farming is no longer an experiment, but has reached the point where it is acknowledged as pre-eminently the safest—in all seasons—method of conducting agricultural and horticultural operations. The suburban and life-giving climate of Lincoln county, where malaria is unknown, and where pulmonary troubles are unknown of, is another incentive to the location therein of those who are anxious to enjoy the good things of this life as long as possible. North Platte churches and schools are above those of eastern communities, the latter being one of the few in Nebraska permitting the graduate thereof to enter the State University without an intermediate preparatory training. The people of the community gladly welcome the honest, industrious eastern citizen who is eager to better his condition and assisting in the upbuilding and development of a comparatively new country.

OMAHA has secured the state fair for a period of five years, and is correspondingly happy. The location suits the people of this immediate section, as Omaha is somewhat more easy of access than Lincoln.

The governor vetoed the sugar bounty bill Friday, but the legislature promptly passed it over his veto. The beet sugar industry in the state needs a little fostering by the state government, and the passage of the bill over the governor's veto was a proper step.

AGAINST the wishes of their party friends Messrs. Akers and Harris have dug their political graves, and will never again be recognized in the politics of western Nebraska. Both were sent to Lincoln to represent the interests of their constituents, and especially in regard to irrigation matters. This they refused to do, and they must take the consequences.

SITUATED in the heart of the irrigated district of Nebraska, it is only proper that North Platte should accept the proposition of the state fair managers and have a model irrigated farm on exhibition at the fair. It would cost a couple hundred dollars to make and maintain such an exhibit, but as an advertisement for this section it would prove a good investment.

The gambling bill introduced the early part of the legislative session will probably become a law. As the bill now stands the victim of the professional gambler has every incentive to go into the gambler's arrest with a suit to recover the amount lost. He is given immunity from punishment if he makes the complaint, and appears as a witness against the gambler, and if the civil suit to recover the amount lost is successful, the victim secures the return of his money instead of seeing it turned into the school fund.

Now that the legislature has passed the measure giving cities of less than 5,000 inhabitants the power to contract for electric lights some of the boomers may insist that North Platte take advantage of this law. The more conservative citizens will, however, agree with this journal that any move which will increase the burden of taxes is not at present desired. When we get our irrigated lands populated and all classes of business reap a benefit therefrom, then we can talk municipal improvements.

The rich men of Nebraska five years from to-day will be the men who take advantage of present conditions to increase their real estate holding. When the tide turns, as it will turn within a few months, every man who has sold property in this state at a sacrifice will be asking friends to punish him soundly for his display of the white feather. The drought is as long and as broad as the upper Mississippi valley. It is not a Nebraska institution. When it is broken this state will regain its prosperity almost at a single bound.—Journal.

If the game was worth the effort THE TRIBUNE would go after "W" with a great intent. There is no desire to burden its columns with that class of matter. Those acquainted with the frailties of "W" will accept his statements with due allowance for their truthfulness. Of course both republicans and democrats know how hard Mr. Dorsey labored with "W" to induce him to accept (?) the postoffice, and that had a numerous signed protest reached Washington thirty-six hours earlier "W" would not have been appointed. THE TRIBUNE challenges any one to show where, in any communication which would advance the interests of the party or of any candidate has been refused space in its columns since the present editor assumed full charge five years ago.

SENATOR FRYE, of Maine, in a recent speech said. Give us republican rule for a single decade, unlimited, uncaptured power, and we will show the people the beneficence of republican legislation. Every man who wants work will have it, and at the wages of 1892, the crowning year of republican rule. We will place our flag on all the seas of the earth, restore the merchant marine in its place, and will increase our white, strong-armed squadrons so that they will command the respect of all nations. We will annex the Hawaiian Islands, fortify Pearl Harbor, build the Nicaragua canal, and marry two great oceans. We will show people a foreign policy that is American in every fiber, and hoist the American flag on whatever island we think best, and no hand shall ever pull it down.

The growing habit of the ruralists to distrust banks and hide their money in stockings or bury it in the woodshed or the cellar is developing a large crop of cruel burglars, where the midnight marauders capture the home of the careful citizen and apply such gentle persuaders as a blazing fire to his feet or a rope to his neck to induce the victim to tell where his cash is hidden. Accounts of such robberies, accompanied by tortures, of which the up-to-date Sioux or Comanche would be ashamed, should warn people living in isolated homes to beware of the hoarding habit and to take particular pains to let it be known that they have deposited their money in a bank or a safety vault.—Ex.

The draughtsmen in the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department are now working on the plans for the battleships and gunboats authorized by the last congress. The two sea-going coast line battleships are to cost \$4,000,000 each and will be designed to carry the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance upon a displacement of 10,000 tons. One of these battleships will be called the Kearsarge, to perpetuate the name of the noble craft which went to pieces on Roncador Reef. The president has not decided what the name of the other one shall be. The designs for the six light draft composite gunboats are being drawn with a view of providing for an enormous array of sail, which will admit of their making an unusual rate of speed for gunboats of their class. Their displacement will be but 1,000 tons each as they will cost \$230,000 each exclusive of armament. They will resemble the Petrel in many respects, while the battleships will resemble in many respects the Iowa and the Indiana.

The rapid growth throughout Europe of the sentiment in favor of international bimetalism gives warrant for the hope that the next monetary conference will really "mean something," that it will be the precursor of a speedy restoration of sound financial conditions. So careful an American observer as President Hill of the great Northern road, who has just returned from a long tour to Europe, declares that bimetalism is making great strides even in England. He believes that Great Britain will speedily realize the need of rehabilitating silver if she expects to hold her present share of the world's trade.—Boston Globe.

The industry of train robbing is perceptibly increasing, but the profits of the business have reached hard times basis. There were twelve holdups in 1890, sixteen in 1891, sixteen in 1892, thirty-three in 1893 and thirty-four in 1894. Twenty-seven lives were lost in these encounters. The amounts secured, however, have not kept pace with the increased number of raids.

The "sympathizing strike" is meeting with the usual failure all around the country. The electric builders' strike that followed so closely on the heels of the trolley strikers in Brooklyn has collapsed in New York without any benefit to the strikers or to the building trades generally.—Ex.

FARMERS ARE HAPPY. Wide Area Visited by a Generous Soaking Shower.

DROUGHT IS NICELY BROKEN. Rain Came When Most Needed In Nebraska—Nearly Every County in the State Gets an Old Time Wetting—Ground Fit For Planting.

CHICAGO, April 1.—The drought which has prevailed for a number of weeks in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan was broken by a heavy rainfall, causing a decided improvement in crop prospects. Rain continues to fall in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

OMAHA, April 1.—Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night rain or snow fell in nearly every county in eastern and northern Nebraska. A few spots in the central and western part of the state have not reported, but it is known that the moisture was distributed generally and almost generally all through the thickly settled portion of the state. More timely rain never came, for the greatest anxiety felt in reference to the prospects for the coming crop in Nebraska was the lack of rain had given rise to apprehensions that already the conditions in the state were such that the outlook for an abundant crop was very dubious. In order that the exact situation might be known, The Bee has secured reports of the present conditions throughout the state. Reports have been received from nearly every county in the state, which show that as yet there is no cause for the alarm, that has been felt that, in fact, the prospects are generally of the best.

In spite of the lack of rain, the reports indicate that in almost every section of Nebraska the soil is moist and in good condition for working and seeding. There are a few exceptions to this general rule, but not enough to make the outlook at all dubious. It is true there has been a great lack of moisture, but the reports indicate that the ground is not too dry for seeding, and that, with the rain that came last night and what will follow in April and May, all crops will be in excellent condition.

THE Owl Lake Settled. FORT DODGE, Ia., April 1.—The question of title to Owl Lake, which was drained for farms some time ago by George H. Parsons and then claimed as homesteads by squatters as a meandering body of water, was settled today by President Cleveland signing a certificate of transfer from the government to the state of Iowa. This state has already transferred it to Humboldt county, from which Parsons holds title. This makes his ownership perfect. Two thousand seven hundred acres were involved and the case has attracted general attention.

WILL Arrest Illegal Lincoln Voters. LINCOLN, April 1.—The city of Lincoln met Sunday night to take action in regard to the arrest of a number of parties with illegal registration. It is claimed that nearly 100 of the legislative clerks and other employees, residents of other counties, have registered in Lincoln and declared their intention to vote at the mayoralty election. It is said that the Republican will retaliate by wholesale arrests of university students, who have also registered this spring.

MINERS and Operators Agree. ALBANY, Ia., April 1.—After hard work and many concessions, the miners and operators have agreed upon a schedule for the coming year. It is the same as the so-called scale of 1893 and the \$2 scale for day wages with the usual differentials, with the same prices for powder and smithing, the price shall be 85 cents for the summer months and 90 cents for the winter months.

Everything Quiet at Pender. PENDER, Neb., April 1.—All is quiet on the reservation. There was no trouble Sunday and none is now anticipated until the court, in accord with Judge Sanborn's decision, shall compel the whites to leave the reservation on April 22. Then some individuals may resist eviction, especially if the Indian police are employed for that purpose.

Four Counts Against a Bank Robber. ADEL, Ia., April 1.—The grand jury returned four indictments against Charles W. Crawford, the young bank robber, three of the counts being for assault with intent to commit murder and one for robbery.

A Woman's Suicide. CEDAR RAPIDS, April 1.—Mrs. Mamie Miller the young wife of a farmer living nine miles north of here, was found hanging dead in a kitchen. No cause is assigned for the suicide.

Burns the Fair Buildings. LINCOLN, April 1.—Two buildings on the old state fair grounds were burned. The burned structures belonged to Humphrey Bros. and the Moline Plow company.

Car Inspector Killed. CLINTON, Ia., April 1.—Charles Moritz Hanson, a car inspector, aged 28, was struck by a switch engine in the North-western yards and instantly killed.

Craig's Well Restored. CRAIG, Neb., April 1.—The natural gas artesian well has opened up again and is throwing mud 30 feet above ground.

Rae Gets the South Dakota Record. CHICAGO, April 1.—The Century Road club of America allowed T. W. Rae the South Dakota state record. He made 10,810 miles during 1894.

WHEATLAND, WYO. There is no finer agricultural section in all this broad western country than can be found in the vicinity of the beautiful little town of Wheatland, Wyoming, ninety-six miles north of Cheyenne. Immense crops, never failing supply of water, rich land, and great agricultural resources. Magnificent farms to be had for little money. Reached via the Union Pacific System. E. L. LOMAX, Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agent. Omaha, Neb.

BIG DEAL FOR PLACER GROUND. Rhode Island Capitalists Have Great Faith in Dry Gulch, Wyo. RAWLINS, Wyo., April 1.—The party of Rhode Island capitalists who visited the Dry Gulch placer district on Snake river have closed the deal for 1,500 acres of placer ground. The purchasing price, including ditch, is a little less than \$150,000. They have purchased the Douglas water right, which taps the Snake river at Dixon. The contract for extending the ditch has been let to a prominent firm of railroad contractors, who will ship men and teams here. A new town will be laid out at Dry Gulch, 15 miles west of Baggs. Work will begin at once and be pushed with all possible speed.

SMALLPOX IN TWENTY-ONE STATES. Of the Cities, Milwaukee Has Suffered Most, Reporting 164 Deaths. WASHINGTON, April 1.—The abstract of sanitary reports as made by the surgeon general shows the presence of smallpox in 21 cities of the United States. Of the cities, Milwaukee has suffered most this winter, recording 594 cases and 164 deaths. Philadelphia had 234 cases and 28 deaths; Chicago 240 cases and 44 deaths; Hot Springs, 118 cases and 27 deaths; Washington, 51 cases and 9 deaths; Detroit, 81 cases and 26 deaths; St. Louis, 108 cases and 23 deaths; New York, 55 cases and 10 deaths.

Man Who Tipped Off the Holdup. SOMERSET, Ky., April 1.—Samuel Frazer, the man who tipped off the holdup of the Cincinnati Southern train Tuesday night is now in jail, he having been arrested for grand larceny at the residence of James Owens, 30 miles south of this place, by Deputy Sheriff Sumpter. Daniel Newby, who swore out the warrant, claims the horses used for the robbery belonged to Mrs. Morrow, while Frazer states he bought them from Jerry Morrow. Frazer claims that there were but four men in the job. John Underwood, the man implicated by Frazer, was seen at Cumberland Falls Sunday, but soon returned to his home. The tramp, Martin, continues to improve.

Collapse of the Wright Will Contest. NEW YORK, April 1.—The efforts to break the will of the late J. Hood Wright have collapsed. When the case was called before Surrogate Arnold, ex-Surrogate Ransom, counsel for the contestants, arose and said: "The contestants and other persons interested in Dr. Wright's \$3,000,000 are scattered over the face of the earth—some in Europe and some in the west. We have determined to withdraw objections to the will and desire to have an order entered to that effect."

Death of a Prominent Journalist. CORNING, N. Y., April 1.—Edward Bradford Barnes, southern correspondent at St. Louis of the Northwestern Miller, the leading trade journal published at Minneapolis, died in this city after a brief illness of typhoid fever. Mr. Barnes was 28 years of age, graduated from Cornell class '88, and one of the leading journalists of the United States. He was for a number of years identified with the Minneapolis Journal and Tribune.

Aid For the Eviction Widened. CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 1.—The people of Wyoming have responded liberally to the call for aid for the dependent wives and children of the unfortunate miners who lost their lives in the Red Canyon disaster. Several hundred dollars has been raised in every town of importance along the line of the Union Pacific railroad. Over \$1,000 has been contributed by the people of Cheyenne.

Fear They Were Murdered. SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 1.—Deputy Assessor L. D. Bailey of Julian and F. R. Brackett of this city are missing on the desert and it is feared that they have been murdered. They went out to collect taxes on personal property and had several hundred dollars in their possession. Their horses with halters hanging from their necks have arrived at Julian.

Willow Springs Bank Assigns. WEST PLAINS, Mo., April 1.—An assignment was made by the Willow Springs bank. Liabilities, including \$18,000 of deposits, are \$36,000. L. Preston of Springfield was made the assignee. Depositors will likely be paid in full.

Armistice Does Not Include Formosa. LONDON, April 1.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Shimane: "As the terms of the armistice do not embrace the island of Formosa, the Japanese operations there will continue."

Priest Found Dead in Bed. PEORIA, April 1.—Rev. Father Nicholas Hotel, priest of St. Boniface church in this city, was found dead in bed last night. The coroner's jury today rendered a verdict of death from apoplexy.

The New Paymaster Reaches Washington. WASHINGTON, April 1.—Gen. Thaddeus H. Stanton, recently appointed paymaster of the army, arrived here from Omaha and qualified for his new position.

Rokuseki Sentenced For Life. SHIMANEKI, April 1.—Koyama Rokuseki, the young Japanese who attempted to assassinate Li Hung Chang, has been sentenced to penal servitude for life.

Donation of Seed. MEMPHIS, April 1.—It was announced that a leading Memphis seed house would soon donate to Nebraska drought sufferers 10,000 packages of garden seed.

Naturalized Three Hundred in One Day. SPRING VALLEY, Ill., April 1.—Over 300 foreigners of this city were naturalized at Princeton, Ill., to vote at the coming election.

Secretary Smith at His Home. ATHENS, Ga., April 1.—Secretary Hoke Smith and family resided here. Mrs. Smith and family will remain several months.

BISMARCK'S BIRTHDAY. Crowning Events in the Celebration in Honor of the Iron Chancellor. THOUSANDS VISIT HIS HOME.

Students of German Colleges Present Him With a Gift—Congratulatory Telegrams Received by the Agent Station. Galt Day in Berlin. FRIEDRICHSHAGEN, April 1.—Since an early hour this morning trains have been arriving, loaded with people from all parts of the empire resolved on congratulating Prince Bismarck on his 80th birthday. At 11 o'clock a delegation from the Seiditz cuirassier regiment, of which the prince is honorary colonel, arrived at the castle in order to congratulate him. The contingents were followed by a stream of other delegations, including one composed of university professors and another with senators from Hamburg and other places. The dispatch of congratulatory



Prince Bismarck, which King Oscar of Sweden and Norway sent to Prince Bismarck alluded to the latter as the creator of German unity. Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and the King of Wurtemberg were among those who telegraphed their congratulations to the prince today. A deputation of 6,000 strong from the different universities of Germany proceeded to the castle at 3 o'clock this afternoon. They took up positions in front of the terrace and when Prince Bismarck appeared he was greeted with deafening cheers. The spokesman of the students then read an address of congratulation and presented the ex-chancellor with a gift, subscribed for by the students. After thanking his visitors, the prince conversed with several of them, and returned to the house amid a fresh storm of cheers from the students' deputation, which then dispersed.

Celebration at Berlin. BERLIN, April 1.—All public and most of the private buildings were bedecked with flags and bunting in honor of the 80th birthday of Prince Bismarck. At all the schools all the pupils assembled this morning in order to hear special Bismarck addresses. The pupils were then given a holiday. Many of the business houses were closed and all the main streets were crowded with sightseers. At the theaters there were special performances, with prologues appropriate to the day.

Supplies Feels Sighted. PROGRESO, Yucatan, April 1.—A fishing bark just in off the Gulf of Mexico reports having encountered two unknown boats, heavily armed with cannon and apparently well equipped with all the munitions of war. When hailed, the boats made no reply and the Mexican fishermen, being afraid to make any further advances, made their escape from the locality as fast as possible. It is thought the ships have some bearing on the Cuban revolution, although it is reported that there are pirates, manned by renegade Cubans, coasting about the waters of the gulf and along the coast of South America. There have been rumors of strangers seen within the past few days in Progreso, Campeche, Merida and other points in Yucatan, whose business is unknown and who are evidently Cubans. It is alleged they are insurgents and are in Mexico for the purpose of gaining recruits for the rebel cause on that insurgent island. Cuba has many sympathizers in Mexico in the attempt to throw off Spanish rule.

Comment of the Paris Press. LONDON, April 1.—The correspondent in Paris of The Fall Mail Gazette refers to the "hysterical extravagance" of the French press regarding Great Britain, and quotes Henry Rochefort as saying: "France is submitting to a series of humiliations in sending ships to Kiel to salute the victors of Worth and Wissemburg. But worst of all, she has endured the insults of Great Britain without protest. Why does she not hide her flag?" The Temps demands an apology or a reprisal.

Campes Dines With the Queen. MADRID, April 1.—Marshal Martinez Campos lunched with the queen regent yesterday previous to his departure for Cuba. Owing to the dispatch of the reinforcements of troops to Cuba the government has called out 20,000 men of the reserve in order to complete the effective strength of the army.

Four Fatalities in Two Engagements. YOKOHAMA, April 1.—Colonel Ito's report of the capture of the Pasodoro islands says the Makino castle was not taken until two engagements had been fought. The Chinese lost three killed and 60 prisoners. The Japanese lost one killed and 10 wounded.

Strike of Belgian Glassworkers. CHARLEROI, April 1.—A partial strike of glassworkers of the Charleroi district has been declared. Ten of the factories are closed, throwing 4,000 persons out of work. The expected strike of the miners has not occurred.

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